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387 WASHINGTON ST., BOSTON, MASS.

May 17, 1934

American Numismatic Society
155th Street at Broadway
New York City

Gentlemen:

We are forwarding today via registered mail four gold Roman and Greek coins, one of which has a head of Nero, one a head of the Emperor Vespasian and two of Alexander. These coins have come to us through the settlement of an estate.

We were recommended to you by the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and would greatly appreciate an offer for these coins if possible, but if not, would like some appraisal as to their value.

Yours very truly,

JS:MS

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May 21, 1934.

J. & S. S. DeYoung
387 Washington St.
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

We are herewith returning the four gold coins by parcel post insured. We do not care for them nor do we know where you could readily sell three of them. The two Roman coins are worthless from a collector's standpoint as the edges have been filed round so as to fit into circles for jewelers' purposes. It was a practice some fifty years ago to mutilate coins in this manner in Italy. No intelligent collector would care for them thus. We consider them only worth their present day gold value. Possibly from a jeweller's standpoint you could mount them into pins etc. and get more than gold value. One of the coins of Alexander the Great is worth no more than its present day gold value or possibly a little over as it is much too worn for the average collector. The other one, that is the larger one, is worth from \$18.00 to a little over \$20.00.

Very truly yours,

NW:JC

Curator